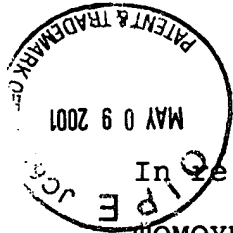


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PATENT APPLICATION



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:)
TOMOYUKI MIYASHITA) : Examiner: Unassigned
Appln. No.: 09/722,397) : Group Art Unit: Unassigned
Filed: November 28, 2000) :
For: IMAGE PROCESSING) May 9, 2001
APPARATUS AND METHOD,) :
AND STORAGE MEDIUM) :
THEREFOR) :

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

CLAIM TO PRIORITY

Sir:

Applicant hereby claims priority under the
International Convention and all rights to which they are
entitled under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based upon the following
Japanese Priority Application(s):

11-338235 filed November 29, 1999;
11-338236 filed November 29, 1999;
11-338237 filed November 29, 1999; and
2000-287599 filed September 21, 2000.

Certified copies of the priority documents are
enclosed.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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